

REUNION 2009 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 23 APRIL

10 AM . . . Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM . . . Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open
Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM . . . Casual golf tee times
Location to be announced

3:30 - 5:00 PM . . . Hospitality Tent open
Holiday Inn

5:00 - 7:00 PM . . . Early arrival cocktails
with heavy hors d'oeuvres
Staunton Country Club
Attire: Business casual

7:30 PM . . . Hospitality Tent reopens
Tower of Power opportunities

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM . . . Registration
Holiday Inn

All day Tower of Power

8:00 AM Motorcoach tour to
Hotel Roanoke, Link Museum
Meet in parking lot nearest
the PX at the Holiday Inn
Motorcoach courtesy of
Gaye and Bob Hume, '63
Hosted by
Bev and Frank Williamson, '60

8:30 AM Golfers register, photos
Staunton Country Club

9:00 AM . . . AMA Open Golf Tournament
Staunton Country Club
Contact: Mickey Toms, '67
[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

9:00 AM - 6:30PM PX open
Hospitality Tent open
Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Alumni House/Museum open

4:30 PM Motorcoach tour returns

5:45 PM AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent

6:30 PM Registration room closes

7:00 PM AMA Awards Banquet
Attire: Coat and tie
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Special Presentations

9:00 PM Hospitality Room and
Hospitality Tent reopen
PX reopens
Silent Auction continues

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Attire all day: Casual

7:30 AM Light breakfast served
in the AMA Alumni Association
Annual Membership Meeting Room
at the Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM Final registration
outside meeting room

8:30 AM Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Alumni House/Museum open
Display of military equipment
Courtesy of Rich Van Breedon

Confederate re-enactor encampment
Lily Valley

11:00 AM . . . Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
honoring AMA faculty and staff
who are buried there
Master of Ceremonies: Luke Snyder, '60

Colors: AMA Alumni Color Guard

Cummings Battery of Cape Fear Artillery
Commanded by Captain John Butler

Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2008 will be remembered

Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble
Taps by Phil Myers, '71

11:45 AM Roller Society Ceremony
Memorial Paver Garden in front of
AMA Alumni House/Museum
Taps by Phil Myers, '71

12 Noon 10th Anniversary of the
AMA Alumni House/Museum
in front of the museum

12:15 PM Soupie by Phil Myers, '71
Lunch, AMA Gymnasium
Colors: AMA Alumni Color Guard



Honors to AMA Alumni who died
in the Korean and Vietnam Wars

White Table and Flag Ceremony

Speaker:
Jorge Rovirosa, '70
honoring "The Spanish Boys"

Induction of new members of the
AMA Sports Hall of Fame
Garry Granger, '71 and
Frank Williamson, '60

Immediately following lunch,
proceed to the Parade Ground

Cannonade by Cumming's Battery
Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by Captain John Butler
Drill exhibitions by
Massanutten Military Academy
and the AMA Roller Rifles

Immediately following exhibitions
Knock Out Drill led by
Major Corbo of MMA

Alumni House/Museum
will be open until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM Hospitality tent reopens

3:00 PM Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact Blaine Clarke, '72
[nuroses53@aol.com]

6:00 PM Open bar
Class meeting and class photos
Holiday Inn hallway
Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

7:00 PM
CASINO NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY,
a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation
with heavy hors d'oeuvres and
drinks - Beer \$2 - Cocktails \$5
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM Silent Auction closes
9:00 PM Winning bidders announced

9:00 PM Dessert Extravaganza!

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

9:00 AM Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon Roller Riders
depart from in front of Big Barracks

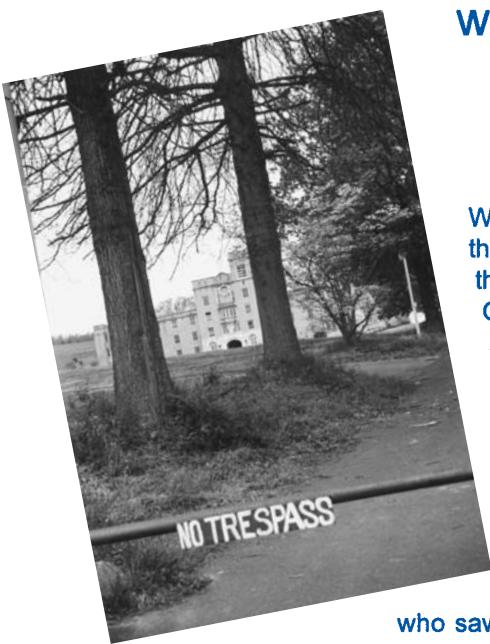
100 YEARS

of excellence

AS HARD AS IT IS TO BELIEVE, 2009 will mark the 10th anniversary of the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

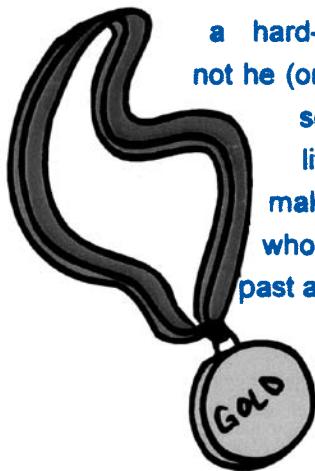
In this past decade, we have seen a long held dream come to life and surpass our most lavish expectations! Reunion 2009 will salute these past ten years which have seen AMA's legacy grow ever more secure.

We remember how our campus looked more than a decade ago, left, and we all were thrilled when Colonel Will Parkins, '35, raised Old Glory over the stately but dilapidated Roller family home at Reunion 1999, right. Workmen were still working on the house at the time of the reunion, below, left. But soon Duke Fancher, '58, and Luke Snyder, '60, could sit on a new front porch behind a sign proclaiming that the AMA Museum was open! In the next *Bayonet*, we will salute the forward looking alumni and AMA friends who saw great possibilities and persevered to triumph.



ALUMNI MEDAL

It is time to nominate those who have done some extraordinary things for the AMA Alumni Association or the AMA Alumni Foundation. Perhaps a salute to a hard-working volunteer whether or not he (or she) is an alumnus. Or a nod to someone who does countless little things which when totalled make a big difference. Those who have earned a Medal in the past are eligible (unless they are on the Medals Committee).



Have you a candidate for this highest of AMA honors?

Submit your nominee or nominees to:

AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100,
Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Or e-mail to: AMAAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 28 MARCH**

THE AMA ALUMNI MEDALS COMMITTEE

**Garry Granger, '71 + Frank Williamson, '60 +
Goodloe Saunders, '57 + Rod Willey, '51 +
Ed Click, '50 + Bob Bradford, '50, Chairman**

AMA Legacy Scholarships

Four fortunate young people each will receive a \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarship during Reunion 2009!

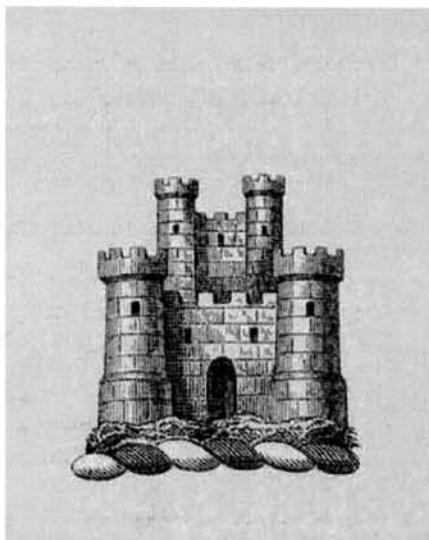
Now is the time to submit your application for one of these four awards. If you are the direct descendant of an AMA alumnus (child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc. whether natural, adopted or step), have finished or about to finish high school and are 25 years old or younger, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!



Applications can be obtained from the AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. You can also obtain an application at: AMAAAlumniHouse@aol.com. Or you can download an application from the AMA web site: www.AMAAlumni.org

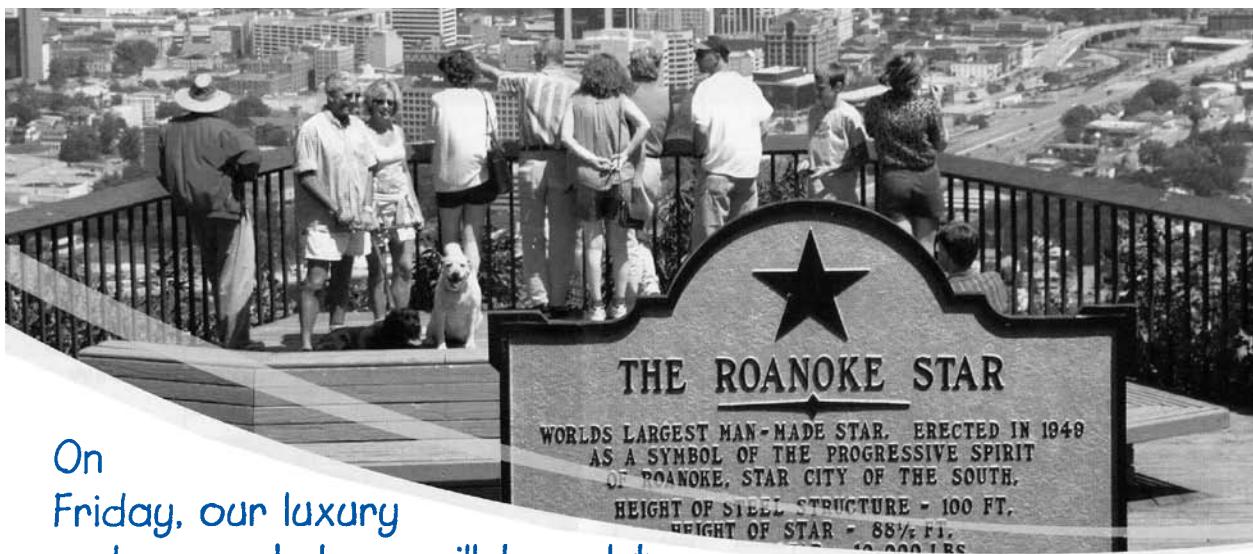
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 20 MARCH 2009

Scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Banquet on Friday 24 April during Reunion 2009.



THE TOWER OF POWER!

You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday nights! Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at Reunion 2009. Prize drawings will take place both nights. Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons. They'll be looking for you! The entire purpose of Frank and Bev's Tower of Power is to raise money for dear ole AMA!



On Friday, our luxury motorcoach tour will travel to The Star City of the South and the famous Link Museum.

The destination is **ROANOKE** where we will visit the O. Winston Link Museum, the world famous display of America's steam locomotive era photos. Link brought his camera down from New York to capture the majesty of the last days of steam along the Norfolk and Western, the last major railroad in the country to operate steam engines.

Former First Captain Roger Messick, '52, has highly recommended the museum.

There will be lunch at the Hotel Roanoke, a landmark hotel, featuring its famous peanut soup. Then a visit to the extraordinary Farmers' Market and possibly the Virginia Transportation Museum, and finally a trip to the top of Mill Mountain which overlooks the city where the Blue Ridge Parkway passes by.

**SIGN UP ON THE BLUE REGISTRATION FORM!
PRICE INCLUDES THE MOTORCOACH plus ADMISSION TO ALL
SITES AND LUNCH AT THE FAMOUS HOTEL ROANOKE.**



The Hotel Roanoke

Your hosts will be Bev and Frank Williamson, '60. The motorcoach is courtesy of Gaye and Bob Hume, '63.



At the Link Museum



Roller Rifles prepare for reunion

Our Roller Rifles will march again at Reunion 2009! If you marched with this wonderful drill team these last few years, you know what a thrill it is! Almost like marching in the Apple Blossom Festival without the apple blossoms (but with dogwoods in full bloom, above). If you have watched our drill team perform, you know that it is a highlight of the entire reunion weekend. It is the **ONE ACTIVITY** that gives everyone a sense of what it was like to be an AMA cadet!

If you would like to march with the Roller Rifles at Reunion 2009 on Saturday afternoon 25 April, let us know. *It is not required that you have been in the Roller Rifles when you were at AMA!* There are alumni who had not shouldered a weapon for 30 years and they looked great.

Bud Oakey, '70, is taking the responsibility this year for assembling the drill team. Contact Bud right away at: boakey@advantusstrategies.com or call him at: 804/228-4505. So, don't be shy. Get in touch with Bud right away by e-mail or by phone.



A list of hotels for Reunion 2009

Don't be disappointed - make your reservation now!

Reunion Headquarters Hotel
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Newly redecorated! \$89.99 a night
Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275
152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
540/248-6020 or 1/800/932-9061

Quality Inn
\$61 a night
96 Baker Lane
Staunton
540/248-5111

Hampton Inn
\$102 a night
15 Four Square Lane
Fishersville
I-64 Exit 91
Nine miles from Holiday Inn
540/213-9500

Days Inn
\$51 a night
273 D Bells Lane
Staunton
540/248-0888
Contact: Rachel

Residence Inn by Marriott
\$109 a night
44 Windigrove Drive
Waynesboro
I-64 Exit 94

Best Western
\$79 a night
I-81 Exit 222
92 Rowe Road
Staunton
Four miles from Holiday Inn
540/885-1112
1/800/752-9471

12.5 miles from Holiday Inn
540/943-7426

Hampton Inn
\$102 a night
40 Payne Lane
Staunton
I-81 Exit 220
Five miles from Holiday Inn
540/886-7000

Econo Lodge
\$46.99 a night
1031 Richmond Road
Staunton
540/885-5158

The AMA Alumni Association
does NOT make hotel or
motel reservations.
Reserve your room now!

Sporting clay shoot Saturday

Bring your own weapon or we will furnish one for you. Then, ride up Route 11 to the Flying Rabbit around 3 PM on Saturday 25 April. This will be after the events on the Drill Field including the Roller Rifles performance.

Organizer Blaine Clarke, '72, says he'll need at least three other shooters to reserve the time. Contact him at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net or if you prefer to talk with him, phone 301/540-6455.

CASINO NIGHT AND COCKTAIL PARTY

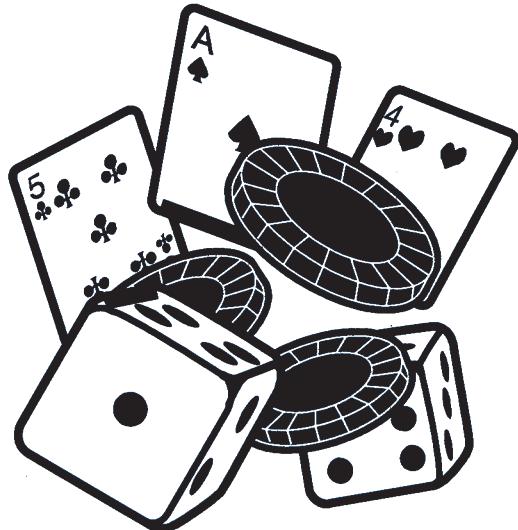
WITH HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AND
A DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA !

SATURDAY NIGHT AT 7



What a great time everyone had at the last two Casino Nights! You can win some big bucks for yourself and support AMA at the same time!

**WIN \$100! \$200!
EVEN \$300!**



**CRAPS! TEXAS HOLD 'EM!
BLACK JACK! ROULETTE!**

**SINK
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and
WIN
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GRAND
!!!**



**Prizes all through
the evening!**

**PRIZES FOR THE MOST CHITS AT
THE END OF THE NIGHT. YOU'LL
START THE EVENING WITH
\$10,000!**

**Plan now to SPEND the evening with
us – with the accent on SPEND!**

YOU WILL NOT BE PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE!

"Spanish Boys" to be honored at the reunion

They came from many countries in Central and South America – from Cuba, Brazil, Venezuela, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. From Panama, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Paraguay, Mexico, Costa Rica and Honduras. From Nicaragua, Ecuador, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia and Chile.

Some arrived in Fort Defiance knowing scarcely a word of English. Others came with a firm grasp of the language. Both were placed in an environment which required an extra skill set to survive and to succeed. Their contributions to diversity at AMA were without parallel. We all learned so much from them!

At Reunion 2009, we will recognize "The Spanish Boys," a term they use to describe themselves. You'll want to attend the Saturday luncheon in the AMA Gym where they will be singled out for a loud "Ole!"

Silent Auction '09 will offer only "big" items

This year, we are asking you to get in touch with us before you bring items to the Silent Auction.

We plan to limit the number of items offered and want to concentrate on "big ticket" things – like the American Airlines tickets which Tom DelValle, '73, is providing once again.

STOP and think about what valuable things you might have for the Silent Auction.

Contact Silent Auction Chairman Dave Conrad, '59, to let him know what you plan to bring. Call him at 804/735-8414 or e-mail him at: daveoconrad@aol.com.

Thanks for helping us raise money for AMA! It is your chance to get some valuable items at good prices while helping AMA - Win/win any way you look at it!

50/50 is an opportunity for big bucks

At Casino Night the last two years, the 50/50 game provided lots of excitement and delivered several hundred dollars to some lucky person and an equal amount to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Five dollar bills are deposited in a can with the name of the contributor written on each bill. Near the end of the night, a bill will be drawn from the can. The person whose name is on the bill gets 50 per cent of the total in the can as does AMA.

It is lots of fun and gets more exciting as the evening progresses and the number of bills in the can grows. It is an exciting moment when the bill is drawn and the winner announced. And don't worry – we'll have plenty of five dollar bills available!



AMA Open at the reunion

No, the golfers will NOT have to carry their bags at the 2009 AMA Open but there still may be some huffing and puffing on the course!

Players will tee off at 9 AM at the Staunton Country Club on Friday 24 April. (shotgun start). It will be a four person scramble.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PLAY:
AMA alumni, AMA friends, men, women and teens! Plan now to join the fun.

There will be prizes for first, second and last place as well as awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin. The fee per player is \$100 which includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, cart rental, box lunch, refreshments, a "goody" bag and a donation to the AMA Foundation. The fee also covers two mulligans!

Sign up for the golf tournament by completing the form on the outside back page and sending it off to Fort Defiance.

Also – WE NEED SOME ITEMS FOR THE GOODY BAGS: golf balls, umbrellas, caps, towels, tees, et al. Perhaps your company has some items with the company logo. Great! We'd like to have such for the goody bags. By the way, we will also take CASH!

If you have questions or donations to make, contact the Golf Chairman Mickey Toms, '67, at 970/564-5904 or by e-mail at: cmtoms@earthlink.net

Tour of France for AMA alumni, friends presented at reunion

A tour of the Normandy Coast of France and a visit to Paris is being planned by Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, for the Fall of this year. While primarily aimed at AMA alumni and their families, the trip will be open to anyone who is interested until the limit of 30 people is reached.

The trip will begin Friday 2 October and return Monday 12 October with a two day extension for those who want to linger longer in Paris. The trip is priced both with air fare to and from Paris or for those who wish to make their own air travel arrangements or redeem airline points, there will be a land only price. Frank just returned from a trip to Italy operated by the same tour company which will lead the trip to France. "They are superb," he says.

The AMA Alumni Foundation will receive what would normally be Frank's fee. Frank and Bev will be available at the reunion to answer questions.

See the full page ad on page 39.